

**STATUS OF CLAIMS**

Claims 1-2 are pending in the application, both being independent claims.

**REMARKS**

Restriction is required to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions:

- I. Claim 1, drawn to a shifting control mechanism, classified in class 74; subclass 473.36;
- II. Claim 2, drawn to a clutch control mechanism, classified in class 192.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, applicants hereby elect the Group I claim, i.e. claim 1, without traverse, for prosecution on the merits.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of the application, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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